

O Jesus I have promised

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music is in a common time signature. The first staff contains a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the second staff contains a bass line with chords and eighth notes. A measure number '5' is placed above the fifth measure of the first staff.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece with two staves. The melody in the first staff features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line in the second staff provides harmonic support with chords and eighth notes. A measure number '10' is placed above the tenth measure of the first staff.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece with two staves. The first staff features a melodic line with a fermata over a measure, and the second staff has a bass line with chords. A measure number '15' is placed above the fifteenth measure of the first staff.

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see Thy footprints, and in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me, my Savior and my Friend.

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